



South East Regional Trauma Coordinating Committee

Conference Call Minutes

October 6, 2008

09:00 – 10:30

Attendees: Raul Coimbra, Sue Cox, Brent Eastman, Les Gardina, Sharon Pacyna, Cynthia Marlin-Stoll.

EMSA Staff: Johnathan Jones

Minutes

Agenda Item: Introductions

Discussion: All on the call were introduced

Agenda Item: Approval of September 2, 2008 Minutes

Action Item: *Page 2 of Minutes should be amended from:
“Desert Hospital (Level II) has agreement with UCSD for transfers”
to:
Desert Hospital has individual patient agreements for transfer to UCSD.*

Action Item: *Minutes approved as amended*

Agenda Item: **Regional Summit – Report from Program Committee**

Cindi Marlin-Stoll reported the date for our meeting had to be changed from 1/23/08 to 1/09/08. The South West RTCC had already scheduled 1/23. EMSA personnel cannot attend

two RTCC's on the same day and there may be other attendees that would want to attend both meetings.

Three venues in Temecula were contacted. The most responsive was the Temecula Creek Inn which has an adjacent golf course. The following package was negotiated:

Large Conference Room – seats 100
Breakout Rooms – seats 30 each (two rooms available – 1 room may be able to accommodate two groups)
Breakfast - \$16/person
Lunch - \$25/person
Morning and afternoon snacks - \$7/person
Block of 20 rooms @ \$169/night

Total Cost =	\$11,719.39
Minus Rooms =	<u>\$ 3,726.00</u>
	\$ 7,993.39

Johnathan Jones reported the State needs to negotiate the final contract with Temecula Creek Inn to ensure a reimbursement mechanism.

Cindi is not certain if Temecula Creek Inn would offer the same pricing if 20 rooms were not reserved. She would like to get a “straw vote” of who plans on staying overnight at the Inn.

Action Item: *Cindi to contact Temecula Creek Inn to determine if they will offer the same pricing package if 20 rooms are not reserved.*

Johnathan suggested Commander Ernst might be willing to present at our Summit on the recent train disaster. The group was very interested in exploring this possibility.

Action Item: *Johnathan will ask Chief Ernst to present at our Regional RTCC Meeting.*

It is imperative that we draft an invitation list for our Regional Summit. Prior to the November 2nd Conference Call each Steering Committee Member should develop a list and e-mail to all members. The collated list can be discussed on the Conference Call.

Action Item: *All Committee members develop Regional Summit invitation list (agency/title/name & e-mail address) and distribute to Steering Committee members prior to November 2nd Conference Call.*

The group discussed notifying some key players prior to finalizing the invitation list. Cindi has a Save the Date flyer.

Action Item: *Cindi will distribute a “Save the Date” card to the Steering Committee.*

Johnathan offered EMSA’s central database to help distribute the “Save the Date” flyers.
Dr. Coimbra recommended we finalize the Summit Agenda on our November 2nd Conference Call.

A tentative Summit Agenda was discussed. It was suggested that morning presentations describe what the RTCC has done to date. Afternoon breakout sessions could focus on solutions to problems.

Johnathan stated Dr. Tharratt could speak at our Summit.

Les requested a presentation on the progress of a State Trauma Registry. Either Johnathan or Bonnie could present on the Registry.

Agenda Item: **ICEMA – Provide Quality Indicators used in the Regional QI Process**

No one from ICEMA on Conference Call

Agenda Item: **Riverside - Provide Information Regarding Intercounty Relationship with Imperial and San Diego Counties**

Cindi reported a 2003 Imperial County draft MOU exists but was never signed. There is nothing formal MOU with San Diego County.

Action Item: *Develop MOU’s which address roles and responsibilities of LEMSAs. Establish QA for System Improvement.*

Agenda Item: **San Diego – Provide information on “agreement” with Orange County for field transports.**

Les reported an agreement exists with Orange County to transport patients from the Interstate 5 Corridor. These patients are usually transported to Mission Hospital.

An ALS Unit is being established at Camp Pendleton. In the future this provider may transport patients in the Interstate 5 Corridor to San Diego facilities.

Sue Cox pointed out that there was work done in 2004 with Rady Children's Hospital, San Diego EMS and Imperial County towards an intercounty agreement but it was not finalized or implemented.

Agenda Item: Trauma Triage Subgroup Report

Cindi summarized the 2003 Trauma Triage Comparison document drafted by LA County. She stated that some criteria are quite divergent between counties. It was stated that specific counties have idiosyncratic needs.

Action Item: *Cindi to distribute Trauma Triage Comparison Document to Steering Committee.*

Each LEMSA within our RTCC to update document to reflect current triage criteria.

Continuation of Care Policy based on Orange and San Mateo LEMSA policies

Cindi reported that Orange County is re-evaluating the program.

There is an AeroMedical Task Force in Sacramento that has been dealing with the issues. In Florida they took the concern to the State who drafted a policy.

Dr. Dave Shant at UC Davis has been involved in "Continuation of Care" discussions. Dr. Coimbra knows Dr. Shant and believes his input would be valuable for our group.

Action Item: *EMSA will ask Dr. Shant to participate in this discussion at our next Conference Call*

Agenda Item: Quality Improvement Subgroup Report

Sharon is still formulating membership. She has contacted San Bernardino County's Trauma Center Trauma Program Managers but has not received a response. Has requested Riverside TPM contact information.

Discussion of whether membership should include other agency personnel. A decision was made to limit it to TPMs and bring in ad hoc members as needed.

Deliverables include standardization mortality adjudications (preventability) and complication definitions. The group will work on Quality Indicators that will serve the whole region.

Action Item: *Cindi will contact Riverside TPMs requesting they communicate with Sharon regarding their interest in participating in QI subgroup.*

Agenda Item: Funding Subgroup Report

Lead not on Call.

Agenda Item: Repatriation Subgroup Report

Les reported he and Ryan are investigating the capabilities of the Sending Facilities. Ryan will provide patient information for transfers to San Diego, Riverside and Arizona.

Ryan has the capability of mapping where patient transports originated.

Les is collecting frequency and injury data on Imperial County to San Diego transfers. To date only one San Diego Trauma Center has provided the information.

Les reported they discussed geographic strategies for transporting patients – splitting the County into northern and southern districts and transporting to Riverside and San Diego accordingly. However, they decided this would not be the best approach. Perhaps patients should be transported to their County of origin.

Dr. Coimbra emphasized that transfer agreements are already in place and repatriation is the primary concern.

Les reported that Dr. Coimbra shared UCSD's repatriation language which addressed the issue with some latitude.

Sharon discussed the issue of requesting Imperial County residents to drive to San Diego for follow-up clinic appointments. This may not be an appropriate issue for LEMSAs to tackle. Dr. Coimbra and Eastman stated that this is often a surgeon to surgeon decision.

It was questioned whether Imperial County has Clinic capabilities. If they exist the simple patients can follow-up in the County clinics and the more complex cases can return to the treating Trauma Center.

It was noted that Heidi Anderson, the TPM at Desert Regional would like to join the Repatriation Subgroup.

Les clarified that San Diego does not have a County Hospital.

Action Item: *Les will ask Ryan to report on Imperial County Clinic resources*

Agenda Item: Membership

Sue Cox, Trauma Program Director at Rady Children's Hospital of San Diego will join our Steering Committee. Sue will provide the pediatric perspective. Welcome Sue!

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Agenda Item: New Business

Johnathan reported the activities of the other RTCCs:

- North will meet mid November
- Bay Area will meet November 5th - Have developed Roles and Responsibilities
- Central - Have developed Roles and Responsibilities
- South/West – will meet January 23. As an enticement to attend, Chief Tim Ernst (LAFD) will do a presentation on the recent train disaster.

Les Gardina asked whether Johnathan could share the Roles and Responsibilities developed by the other RTCCs.

Action Item: *Johnathan will post the RTCC Roles and Responsibilities on the web site as soon as EMSA IT resources are available.*

The group discussed having more Conference Calls with the objective of improving deliverable timetables. It was decided this could be better accomplished by having the subcommittees meet more frequently.

Conference Call adjourned.